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MR. E. C. REICHWALD.

It is some satisfaction to know that  
the ruffians who assaulted Mr. Reich-  
wald and destroyed his left eye have  
been found guilty by the jury which  
tried them. We have not learned as  
yet what the sentence is, but is ought  
to be the limit.

Mr. Reichwald is getting well as  
fast as he can, and we hope that he  
will soon be able to get about and re-  
sume his secretary work for the Secu-  
lar Union. Delay on the Union Report  
has been caused by his illness, as well  
as consideration of holding this year's  
congress. It was the intention to hold  
the Congress in Chicago, as being the  
most convenient point for the largest  
number of members, and this may be  
done later. Meanwhile his brother,  
Mr. W. G. Reichwald, will answer com-  
munications directed to the Union and  
Federation.

One fact has come out during the  
hunting down of the convicted thugs.  
It is that for his activity in the pro-  
ceedings against the Catholic churches  
which hold property exempt from tax-  
ation he has become a marked man,  
and that it was this general animity  
which probably induced the thugs to  
return and assault him. It is difficult  
to absolutely prove it, but facts have  
come out sufficient to make the sus-  
picion well grounded. Both assailants  
are Roman Catholics.—Truth Seeker.

Kind Friend—Accept my best  
wishes and sympathy for your late ill-  
ness. I do hope your sickness is of  
short duration and that you will soon  
be able to assume your place at the  
helm of the Blade, and be able to its  
editor for years to come. While Mr.  
Hughes can manage the publication of  
the Blade and keep it as it is, one of  
the best Freethought papers in this  
country, yet there is none that can  
fill your place as you would fill it.—  
J. F. MAYO.

## TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

WHY THE BLADE IS PRINTED ON-  
LY ON ONE PAGE.

COULD BE MADE BEST PAPER IN  
AMERICA IF SUBSCRIBERS  
PAY WHAT IS DUE AND  
DO THEIR DUTY.

Necessity has again compelled us to  
issue the Blade for this week on but  
one sheet of paper. This is a matter  
of deep regret to us, but these condi-  
tions are largely due, if not wholly so,  
to the fact that our subscribers have  
failed to pay what is due upon their  
subscriptions. At this time there are  
outstanding and due to the Blade  
about \$2,000 in subscriptions alone.  
One-half of that sum would enable us  
to produce far better results than we  
have been doing. Our subscribers  
will readily understand that it costs a  
great deal of money to print and mail  
a paper like the Blade. At a time  
when printing material and supplies  
are exceedingly high in cost, there is  
greater reason why the subscriptions  
should be paid promptly when due.

It affords no pleasure to us to make  
complaint of these unpaid subscrip-  
tions, especially in the columns of the  
paper, but we are compelled to do this  
in order to ask our subscribers to pay  
up, or we shall be forced to the neces-  
sary of borrowing money with which  
to pay our bills in anticipation of the  
subscriptions now owing to us. The  
Blade is engaged in a laudable mis-  
sionary enterprise. Its purposes are  
distinctly humanitarian. It aims to  
free the human mind from the errors  
of a rampant superstition but its  
friends must be true to it if it is to  
win the fight. There are no "widow's  
mites" or "children's collection boxes"  
to assist it. An absolute dependence  
is placed upon its subscribers alone.  
Could we now enjoy the amount of  
money due upon subscriptions alone

the Blade could be made the equal of  
any periodical in the country.

Those of our subscribers who know  
themselves to be in arrears should  
need no further explanation of their  
indebtedness, or what is means to us  
if their subscriptions remain longer  
unpaid. We ask them to digest what  
is said here, recall how much they  
owe and send us the amount due as  
promptly as possible. Don't be afraid  
that the paper will stop and you will  
lose your money.

The condition of Mr. Moore remains  
about the same. He is unable to do  
but very little writing for the Blade,  
but that will be taken care of during  
his illness by Mrs. Henry and Dr.  
Wilson.

## DOCTOR CONVICTED OF HERESY.

Dismissed from Ministry by Nebraska  
City Presbytery.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 24.—Dr. Carl  
Hullhorst, a physician and Presbyter-  
ian minister, was to-day suspended  
from the ministry by the Nebraska  
City Presbytery for alleged heresy, af-  
ter a secret trial lasting all day. The  
charges against Dr. Hullhorst are as  
follows:

The first charge was that the doctor  
has repudiated the Westminster con-  
fession. In answer he said he re-  
fused to accept any confession excepting  
that of Christ himself. "I am the  
way," said he. It is unreasonable, de-  
clared the doctor, to think that people  
200 years ago in time of superstition  
and meager scientific knowledge  
should have a better knowledge of  
Christ and his doctrines than the peo-  
ple of to-day. For this reason he con-  
fessed that he repudiated the con-  
fession and everything else of the life  
outside of the New Testament.

The second charge was that he de-  
nies the tri-personality of God. An-  
swering he said that any school boy  
would vouch for it, that to say three  
is one and one is three would be  
equivalent to upsetting the universe.  
Jesus never said a word about three  
persons in the Godhead. The doctor  
said he understood it that God is the  
Father, man with Christ at the head  
the Son and the love that unites  
the two is the Holy Spirit—Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

The third charge was that Dr. Hull-  
horst denies the fall of Adam and the  
consequent wreck of the race. To  
this he insisted that the story of the  
fall is a myth. The First Genesis he

credits with high ethical value aside  
from the myth, since it teaches mon-  
ism and theism, (not tritheism) and  
the fundamental truth of the Chris-  
tian religion, namely, that man is  
made in the image of God. He did not  
believe that myth of a tree con-  
result in the wreck of the race. Such  
is silly, he said.

The fourth charge was that the doc-  
tor denies the vicarious sacrifice of  
Christ. To this he pleaded not guilty.  
He denies he said, only the Westmin-  
ster theory concerning it. Christ lived  
and died for the world, but through  
love and not through blood. The doc-  
tor illustrates his theory in contrast to  
that of Westminster which, modernized,  
he said, would be such as this:

"Suppose 2,000 students of the State  
university, excepting one, should muti-  
nously against the authority of the faculty  
and should later wish readmission to  
the school. Accordingly the faculty  
would send Chancellor Andrews to  
the students and he would tell them  
that the faculty would like to forget  
out could not. However, a wonderful  
method of salvation had been discovered.  
The one student who remained  
faithful should be nailed to the fence  
in the alley and as soon as his blood  
should trickle onto the ground for-  
giveness would be extended. Such a  
theory of atonement is prevented by  
the Westminster confession and I  
don't believe in it. I believe the death  
of Jesus was the natural climax of a  
life of love and that by submitting to  
it all patiently he made an atonement  
for all by fusing them altogether by  
his dying love."

The doctor said it was poor policy  
to the rising generation to say, "You  
may be as good as you like, but unless  
you swallow the rib and the snake  
and the whole you will be damned  
anyway."

## NO SERMON FOR JERRY SIMPSON

Victor Murdock Delivered an Ad-  
dress at the Funeral in Wichita.

Wichita, Kas., Oct. 25.—With Ma-  
sonic rites the body of ex-Congress-  
man Jerry Simpson was laid to rest  
today in Maple Grove cemetery. Ser-  
vices were held in Scottish Rite tem-  
ple, the full Masonic ritual being  
performed. There was no minister,  
and the address was delivered by Con-  
gressman Victor Murdock, who paid  
an eloquent tribute to his predecessor  
in Congress. Several hundred per-  
sons attended the services, among  
them being many politicians of state  
prominence.

## MISS GIBSON DETAINED.

Miss Gibson, the trained nurse, who  
is an officer in the National Liberal  
party, and who was coming to wait  
upon me, has been detained in Ten-  
nessee for six weeks longer. She  
writes me a sweet letter in which she  
says, "Do not let yourself get blue  
and tell Mr. Hughes to read your let-  
ters and to burn all except those that  
are real pleasant."

I want him and Dr. Wilson to exer-  
cise their combined judgment about  
it. But I do wish that all who write  
to me would use their strong and well  
hearted, to cheer my poor old rickety  
heart with gentle and kind words.

Still I reckon it may be fairest and  
best if my enemies, as well as my  
friends could say what they please  
about me while I am living. On this,  
November 4th, I feel that I am get-  
ting, probably, some better.

## A LETTER THAT I WANT REMEM- BERED.

Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1905.

Mr. Charles C. Moore:  
Dear Sir and Respected Friend:—  
I am truly sorry to hear of your seri-  
ous illness, but hope that you may  
recover and remain with us for many  
long years.

The world is not prepared yet to  
dispense with your valuable services  
in advocating the rights of humanity  
and when you depart there will be  
not one left to take your place. I  
presume that during your long and  
eventful life there is no one better  
prepared than I am to speak of your  
sterling worth under trying privations  
and hardships that test men in the  
most trying manner and continue to  
advocate all that is for the best inter-  
est for the welfare of your fellow man.

Hoping that this may find you im-  
proved in health and wishing to be re-  
membered to your worthy wife, I am,  
Respectfully yours,  
E. G. COFFIN.

## FINEST TYPE OF HUMAN RACE

WILL SOON BE EVOLVED FROM  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

SAYS LUTHER BURBANK, THE  
HORTICULTURIST AND  
FREETHINKER.

Tells of Environment and Feeding for  
Children, and Declares Against  
Teaching Domestic Religion—  
Heredity is Not the all important.

San Francisco, Calif.—According to  
Luther Burbank, the wizard of  
science, and the man who is responsi-  
ble for the seedless apple, the latest  
agricultural novelty, the overman, or  
"Uebermensch," forecast by the philo-  
sopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, will  
eventually be realized by the natural  
processes of social life in the United  
States.

Nietzsche's theory was that if man  
is an evolution of the ape, an over-  
ape as it were, the overman, the more  
than man, is sure to follow in the  
logic of the evolutionary philosophers.

According to Burbank, Nietzsche is  
right in his theory that the "overman"  
will eventually be evolved, and the  
scene of the realization will be in the  
United States. The crossing of races,  
in short, is the fact on which Bur-  
bank bases his doctrine. Social evolu-  
tion here in this country, he says,  
will gradually weed out the unfit ones  
and only the fit will survive.

## Dinner to Burbank.

At dinner given last night by the  
state board of trade to Burbank, the  
famous horticulturist delivered a  
speech which is noteworthy as con-  
taining a flat contradiction of the the-  
ories of some evolutionists that here-  
dity plays a more important part in  
the development of character than en-  
vironment. Among the important  
things which he said he had learned  
to study and know by study of plant  
life were these:

"There is no doubt that if a child  
with a vicious temper be placed in en-  
vironment of peace and quiet the tem-  
per will change. Put a boy born of  
gentle white parents among Indians  
and he will grow up like an Indian.  
Let a child of criminal parents have  
setting of morality and decency and  
the chances are that he will not grow  
into a criminal, but to be a bright  
man. I do not say heredity will not  
sometimes assert itself, of course.

"When criminal instinct crops out  
in an individual it might appear as if  
environment were leveled to the  
ground, but in succeeding generations  
the effect of constant higher environ-  
ment will not fail to become fixed.

## People of Many Bloods.

"We in America form a nation with  
the bloods of half the peoples of the  
world within our veins. We are more  
crossed than any other nation in the  
history of the world, and here we  
meet the same results that are al-  
ways seen in a much crossed race or  
plant, all the worst as well as all the  
best qualities of each are brought out  
in their fullest intensities. And right  
here is where selective environment  
counts. As time goes on environment  
will crystallize the American nation.  
Its varying elements will become uni-  
fied and the weeding process will  
probably leave the finest human pro-  
duct ever known.

"What will hasten this develop-  
ment most of all? The proper rearing  
of children. Don't feed children on  
maudlin sentimentalism or dogmatic  
religion. Give them nature. Let their  
souls drink in all that is pure and  
sweet. Don't terrify them in early  
life with fear of an after world. There  
never was a child that was made more  
noble or good by fear of hell. Let na-  
ture teach them lessons of good and  
proper living, combined with an abun-  
dance of well balanced nourishment.  
Those children will grow to be the  
best men and women."

Muscle, Ind.—Dear Brother Moore:  
—Four years ago our acquaintance  
began in the city of Buffalo. At that  
time we were the very incarnation of

physical vigor. Three years ago we  
met again in the city of Cincinnati,  
and you were still the impersonation  
of perfect bodily health. Two years  
ago we met in Lexington, and you  
still continued to be the personifica-  
tion of physical integrity. One year  
ago we met again in the city of St.  
Louis, and you were still in a state of  
perfect equilibrium. With your name  
I have therefore associated strength,  
health and vigor, and I cannot per-  
suade myself to believe that my dear  
friend could have suddenly developed  
a serious organic disease of the  
heart, and I sincerely hope that your  
ailment may prove to be purely func-  
tional, and that you may soon be re-  
stored to active life, and continue to  
lead us in our warfare against super-  
stition. For twenty years you have  
been in the vanguard of a great move-  
ment to lift from the weary should-  
ers of humanity the terrible incubus  
of a heartless priesthood, and now  
that the sky is clearing, and the fu-  
ture is full of hope, I cannot bear the  
thought that you will not be here to  
enjoy the fruits of your gallant fight  
for humanity. I have persuaded my-  
self to believe that you are not fatally  
sick, and I sincerely trust that you  
will cherish the same belief, because  
this state of mind raises the tide of  
life, and often carries a suffering man  
safely through an impending crisis.  
I confidently expect the very great  
pleasure of meeting you again at our  
next annual convention, and in the  
meantime, I trust that you will devote  
all your time to recuperation, and  
strictly avoid all the work and worry  
incident to editing the Blade. Thou-  
sands of hearts are beating in sym-  
pathy for you, on account of your afflic-  
tion, and if kind wishes would restore  
your health, the rising of to-morrow's  
sun would find you happy in the full  
possession of all your faculties. I shall  
think of you often, and constantly  
cherish the hope of your complete re-  
covery.—DR. T. J. BOWLES.

From the Blue Grass Blade of Octo-  
ber 22nd I learn of the very serious  
illness of its editor, Charles C. Moore,  
of Lexington, Ky. Dr. J. B. Wilson,  
his close friend, had visited him, and  
in a long report of the case, remarks:  
"I found Mr. Moore in a serious con-  
dition, and suffering from heart  
trouble. He had not lain down or slept  
for ten days, and was in a feeble con-  
dition, but after a hypodermic was  
resting easy. Our old leader, I fear,  
is nearing the end of the journey of  
life—a journey fraught with many var-  
ied and remarkable changes. He may  
live on for a good while yet, but the  
nature of his trouble is such that a  
sudden call may be expected at any  
time." This news will be a message  
of great sorrow to Mr. Moore's many  
friends, but I hope that by quiet and  
avoidance of extreme physical exer-  
tion and mental excitement he may  
not only safely pass this crisis, but  
live many years in the enjoyment of  
a serene life. Dr. Tilden, of a Stuffed  
Club fame, is the physician Mr. Moore  
should have, even if he can do no  
better than get his advice by letter.—  
Humanitarian Review.

I have scarcely any appetite and eat  
scarcely anything, as Dr. Tilden would  
suggest, but I take a good deal of  
medicine, and almost live on hypoder-  
mics.

## RIOT IN SYNAGOGUE SEES BEATING OF RABBI AND INJURY OF CHILDREN

(From Dancer (Colo.) Post).  
Two children seriously injured, an  
assistant of the rabbi badly beaten  
and part of the synagogue demolish-  
ed in the result of a riot among the  
congregation of the Zera Abraham  
synagogue, on West Colfax avenue,  
last night at 9 o'clock during the Jew-  
ish feast, closing the festival of the  
Yom Kippur.

In the midst of the services, and  
while the entire settlement was silent  
in prayer, Jacob Schmuck and Louis  
Schwansk started a fight in the center  
of the temple, resulting in a general  
melee in which the congregation at-  
tempted to eject the malcontents. Dr.  
Samuel Wittanmalansky, who acts  
with the rabbi, was badly beaten  
about the face was almost completely  
demolished, the railing being torn  
away in the fight, precipitating the  
foremost ranks of the crowd to the  
ground below.

Beneath the railing were several  
children playing and the heavy bars,  
followed by the fighting men, fell di-

rectly upon them, painfully bruising  
six or seven and breaking the legs  
of two. Little Rachel Klager, 12 years  
old, suffered a fracture of the left leg,  
and Samuel Grimes, 11 years old, had  
his right leg broken below the knee.  
Beyond bruises, no others were hurt.

Pervaded with the enthusiasm of  
the close of Yom Kippur and the ces-  
sation of penance and prayer those  
of the faith made merry all day yes-  
terday, and the Jewish settlement on  
West Colfax avenue was particularly  
gay and carefree. The floor and bal-  
cony of the temple was packed when  
the final services began with persons  
carried away with religious enthu-  
siasm and rejoicing.

The two belligerents were standing  
well up in front of the dense throng  
of worshipers when the wrangle be-  
gan. The two have been on bad  
terms for nearly a year, it is said, and  
the quarrel resulted from an old stand-  
ing grudge which Schmuck holds  
against Schwansk. The wordy war  
rapidly grew into blows and shouting,  
cursing and vowing vengeance the  
men, locked in a vise-like struggle,  
were borne out of the church by the  
movement of the crowd. When the  
rapidly moving mass reached the  
small double door and the little bal-  
cony there was a fearful jam and be-  
fore any warning could be given by  
those in front the railing was swept  
away.

The little girl injured was carried  
into a nearby house and it was found  
that her left leg had been broken.  
The boy was taken home by his father  
and although the little fellow groaned  
and cried at every step it was not  
found he had been seriously injured  
until Decatur street was reached.  
When the party got home the right  
leg was found to be fractured below  
the knee. Neither of the men causing  
the trouble was hurt in the least and  
had it not been for the interference  
of the crowd they would have finished  
the trouble.

Hearing the disturbance, Assistant  
Rabbi Wittanmalansky hurried to the  
scene and attempted to separate the

combatants. Schmuck turned upon  
the peace-maker, it is said, and admin-  
istered a beating. The rabbi's face  
was covered with blood and his coat  
was nearly torn from his back when  
he was extricated from the battle.

Rachel Klager, the little girl who  
was hurt, is the daughter of Jacob  
Klager, 1528 Bryant street. Samuel  
Grimes is the son of a junk dealer liv-  
ing at 1813 Boulevard F. After carry-  
ing the injured lad home the father  
returned to the temple and again  
joined the worshipers. Schmuck is a  
carpenter who has been working on  
the new Colfax avenue bridge over  
the Patte river and Schwansk is a  
machinist for the Burlington railroad.  
Both men are of mature age and have  
a reputation for being quiet and or-  
derly.

At the Aphereth Israel temple on  
West Colfax avenue and Dale court,  
the enthusiasm of the worshipers waxed  
so strong that the stove was inad-  
vertently overturned, and had it not  
been for prompt action on the part  
of the small boys a serious fire would  
have resulted.

At the Zera Abraham temple the  
women were all in the balcony, or it  
is probable more injuries would have  
been received.

Lexington, Ky., No. 2, 1905.

Dear Charlie:—

I have not gone out to see you, nor  
telephone to you, because I felt that  
I might by so doing contribute to your  
bodily discomfort or injury. I want  
you to know, however, that I have  
thought of you daily and inquired of-  
ten about your condition. I have al-  
ways been your friend and now, when,  
perhaps, you stand near the end of  
life, I want to again testify to you my  
interest in and friendship for you. I  
know that you are a philosopher, with  
a mind that towers above supersti-  
tious creed and environments and  
if you are called hence you will  
go like a philosopher and moralist  
whose life has been devoted only to  
which was for the good and the  
betterment of the human race. Though  
not going as far as yourself in my  
views of a future state, I am in the  
finest sense an Agnostic, acknowl-  
edging what is, but refusing to pin my  
faith to an illogical and unproven in-  
dividuality as the author of what is.

I trust, however, that you may soon  
be better \* \* \* Your true friend,  
Wm. H. POLK.

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